

Working in a group

Working in a group at school

There are different ways you can work in a group at school: together as a class to plan and run a stall for market day; or in small groups to have a discussion or do a project in class. It is important that everyone in the group has a job to do.

Let us check

- Have you ever worked in a group?
- Do you like working in groups? Why or why not?

Working in a group at home

Working as a group can be fun and also lets you get the job done quicker. When members of a family work together, they learn to share and co-operate with one another.



Activity

- 1 Talk about working in groups at home and at school.
- 2 Write down three things you like about group work at school or at home.
- 3 Write down three things you do not like about group work at school or at home.
- 4 Share your answers with the rest of the class.

New word

co-operate – to work well together

Benefits of working in a group

- Group work teaches you to work with others.
- Group work lets you get more done in less time.
- It helps you to get to know people you may not know or talk to.
- It allows you to share your strengths with others.
- Working in a group helps you to learn from others.

Challenges of working in a group

Many learners do not think group work is helpful and do not enjoy working in a group.



Responses to the challenges of working in a group

- Make sure you all know exactly what the task is.
- Use your skills in the group, such as drawing or looking for information.
- Make sure everyone has a job to do.
- Do not waste time in class or you may not finish in time.